

Whether the "revolt" of the coal miners against John L. Lewis' leadership is genuine or not seems to me to be beside the point.

The great issue that lies behind all the controversy in the coal fields is the same issue that has risen to a lesser extent in the major manufacturing industries — the attempt of combinations of men to control production in defiance of the rights of management.

Lewis sought to restrict production of coal in order to support still higher coal prices and he went as far as to order his miners to work only three days a week — thereby crippling the earnings of the half-idle mines and ruining employment and profits of all the railroads which depend on the mines for much of their freight business.

Now, report has it that the miners are "revolting" against Lewis' three-day-week order and demand either a full week's work or no work at all. Many of them, therefore, are on a 100 per cent strike.

This adds up to the same thing as Lewis' original declaration for the restriction of coal production — whether the "revolt" is real or not. And management being powerless to do anything about the situation the only apparent relief lies in government action under law. For unless order is brought out of the chaos now existing around the mines there will be a steady contraction of such American industry as uses coal or steel — and that means most of it.

Conviction of Alger Hiss over the weekend was technically on a charge of perjury. But the real issue, of course, was the suspicion that the Department of State man who served as an aide to the late President Roosevelt at Yalta was overly friendly to alleged spy rings operating in our country.

There is a question in nearly everyone's mind about Hiss, and we're not sure that full justice has been done. All we're really sure of is that if Hiss is guilty we haven't yet gotten hold of the top men.

That's the temper America finds herself in . . . in a day when Russia, once our war ally, goes about the world planting agitators in every country that will stand for it.

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School Band Concert Here Thursday

Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the High school auditorium, the Hope High school band, directed by G. T. Cannon, will present a concert featuring in its entirety the music of John Philip Sousa. While the concert is intended in honor of the Friday Music club, the public is cordially invited.

There will be no charge for admission.

When the name Sousa is mentioned, immediately there comes to mind the title, "March King". Those famous marches, "El Capitan", "The Thunderer", "Hands Across the Sea", and many others equally renowned are from the pen of this famous composer and musician. None, however, seem to give quite the thrill that comes from the eternal favorite, "Stars and Stripes Forever".

Sousa did not confine his writing to marches only but has given the world much music of other types.

The reason his larger numbers are not performed more at the present day is because, probably, so much of it is out of reach for the average school band.

Some of the older numbers on the coming program are out of print and have been obtained for this concert only after extensive research and inquiry. And while admittedly a difficult program is planned, the High school Concert Band is enjoying this unique set of numbers which will be performed Thursday night.

The program is as follows:

March — The Corcoran Cadets.

Suite — Dwellers of the Western World; The Red Man, The White Man, The Black Man.

March — Liberty Bell.

Four-trot — Peaches and Cream.

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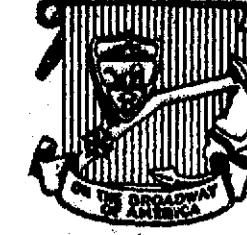
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HOW MUCH IS A MILLION BUCKS? — To give you some idea of how much cash those Boston robbers stole from Brink's, Inc. in one of the biggest holdups in history, Velma Demaso, above, has lined up a cool million in greenbacks. The seven robbers also took half a million dollars worth of securities. This picture was taken far, far inside one of Boston's leading bank vaults.

Hiss to Appeal Conviction; Faces Prison

New York, Jan. 23 — (UP) — Attorneys for Alger Hiss today prepared an appeal to higher courts in an effort to clear his name as a 20th century Benedict Arnold.

The former state department official and his wife Priscilla hid at the home of friends to await his next court appearance on Wednesday when Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard will pronounce sentence.

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Hiss remained at liberty under \$5,000 bond until Goddard passes sentence.

Seven in This Area Enter Air Force

Sergeant First Class Warren G. Short, commander of the army and Air Force recruiting station in Hope, today announced the enlistment of seven men from this area in the Army or Air Force.

The Air Force enlistee was John M. England, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. England, Route 2, Hope. Private England has been transferred to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas for his basic training. He was a member of the local National Guard Unit prior to his enlistment. After completion of the basic period he will be assigned to a technical school for specialized training.

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Don't Park Cars on R. R. Tracks Police Warn

Chief of Police Clarence Baker issued a warning today to theatergoers not to park automobiles near or near the Frisco and L & N railway tracks at Louisiana and West Second.

The next car found parked there will be pulled off by a wrecker and the owner will have to pay all charges, Mr. Baker said.

Ex-Statesman to Be Tried by Bulgaria

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 23 — (UP) — Premier Vassil P. Kolarov, one of Bulgaria's elder Communist statesmen, died early today after a long illness. He was 72.

Kolarov's death was announced by Radio Sofia. Three days of national mourning was decreed.

It was believed Kolarov's health had been affected by the death in Moscow last July of his lifelong friend and revolutionary comrade, Pavel Georgi Dimitrov. Kolarov succeeded Dimitrov as the head of Bulgaria's communist-dominated government.

The action could be taken to the Supreme court, but Cross would not say whether he would carry the fight that far. "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

The jury of eight women and four men deliberated nine hours and 18 minutes before deciding that Hiss, 45, who advised President Roosevelt at Yalta, lied when he denied aiding a pre-war Communist spy ring.

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C of C Dinner All Set for Friday Night

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Friday January 27, at Hotel Barlow.

A special program has been arranged and will feature an address of Ed F. McFadden, associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme court who is a former resident of Hope.

Pilkinton Named to Help in Sex Crime Law Drive

James H. Pilkinton, prosecuting attorney, has been named to a special five-man group by the Arkansas Bar Association to work with other groups on a sex crime prevention law for Arkansas.

Others on the committee include John E. Goates of Little Rock, Judge Charles W. Light, Paragould, Ted Coxsey of Bentonville and Jack Holt of Little Rock.

Charlotte Goad Sent to Polio Convalescent Home

Charlotte Goad, 11 year old daughter of Howell Goad, Rt. 3, Hope, was admitted to the Children Convalescent Center for post polio physical therapy treatments. She fell victim to the epidemic last October.

Operation of the Center is a voluntary service of the Arkansas Association for the Crippled. Made possible by the annual Easter Seal campaign.

Sergeant Short also announced that after final tabulations Hope again was the top station in the Texarkana Main Station area. In view of the greatly restricted enrollment quota, and the higher qualifications needed for enrollment, this honor is increasingly difficult for a smaller station to attain.

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Bulgaria to Bring American to Trial

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 23 — (UP) — The Hungarian communist government plans to put American Business Executive Robert Vogeler on public trial soon, U. S. legation officials said today.

Vogeler, who has been held incommunicado for eight weeks, is an assistant vice-president and Eastern European manager of the International Telephone and Telegraph company. He was seized by Hungarian police November 18 while returning to Vienna in his automobile.

The U. S. officials quoted Hungarian Deputy Premier Matyas Rakosi as telling U. S. minister to Hungary Nathaniel P. Davis that Vogeler "would be brought to public trial within the next few weeks."

The nature of the charge against him has not been specified. But the Hungarian government said in a note to Washington two weeks ago that he was being held "on well-founded suspicion of espionage and sabotage." The note accused the United States of interfering in Hungary's internal affairs in demanding Vogeler's release.

The United States retaliated by closing the Hungarian consulates in Cleveland and New York. Israel Jacobson, another American, also was held on suspicion of espionage charges for a two-week period in December.

Jacobson, director in Hungary for the joint distribution committee, a Jewish relief agency, was held incommunicado, then released without trial.

In Washington, diplomatic sources predicted a "serious new strain" would be imposed on American-Hungarian relations by the latest development in the Vogeler case.

Lewis' Officials Fail to End Coal Walkouts

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23 — (UP) — John L. Lewis' district officials today failed to end a "no contract" no work" strike in seven soft coal states.

Votes taken by locals of the United Mine Workers over the weekend had indicated 37,000 of the 90,000 miners on strike would go back into the pits.

Pickets showed up at several mines to prevent many of those locals from resuming production for a fuel hungry nation.

Weekend efforts of the UMW district officers to induce miners to give up their strike cut the total number idle to an estimated 80,000.

In West Virginia, the number one soft coal state, pickets idled 4,500 miners in Monongalia county 14 mines. UMW District 31 President Cecil J. Urbaniak still is confident. He said things will get themselves straightened out in time. Production is normal in Logan county.

In the Bluefield area, officials of an important coal carrying railroad said all mines along its tracks were operating.

The jury which heard the government's 73 witnesses in the three-month trial reached its verdict on the fourth ballot after 17 hours of deliberation.

The case is now gone to the jury at 10:55 a. m. Saturday without any of the defendants or witnesses in their behalf offering testimony. Defense attorneys contend simply that the government had not proved any of the charges in its 31-count indictment.

Tucker, 46, was president and board chairman of the corporation from the time he launched it in 1947 until it sank into bankruptcy last March. Other defendants acquitted were Fred Rockelman, 63, executive vice president; Robert Pierce, 50, treasurer; Mitchell W. Julian, 55, sales manager; Ollis Radford, 45, a former treasurer; Floyd D. Cerr, 60, underwriter of a \$17,500,000 stock issue; Harold A. Karsten, 58, an assistant in the

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End of a Chapter

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"What I'm getting at," Muriel said, "is that a writer needs a certain sympathy. I don't mean praise."

I wouldn't have a yes-woman."

Alice Pine stopped her car 50 yards from the house. She wanted to gather first impressions of this place that might become her home for an indefinite period.

Of course, this was the house that stood alone at the very end of Grosvenor Point. Well, this dwelling did. Beyond it Alice could see Long Island Sound, its blue surface laced with white caps by a strong May breeze.

That same breeze had made a partial confusion of Alice's amber hair. Now she tucked stray tendrils under small hat and contemplated the home of Muriel Halleck, alias "Jo Pargrave."

The ground around it was generally flat, but rescued from monotony by a series of interesting undulations. A sloping lawn on the Sound side ran down to a strip of beach. There were a number of shade trees and one magnificent weeping willow, green and gold in the afternoon sun. A neatly clipped hedge surrounded the house.

The place looked nice. But Alice, personally, would never have put up a squarish modernistic building here. The setting called for something older, more weathered, more on a cottage style perhaps.

But doubtless the Hallecks had substituted practicality for the pretentious, and very sensible. If you lived in one place for years around this house, with its glass windows and generous eaves, you'd look as if it would be light, airy. And the interior was probably a decorator's dream.

Alice started her motor and turned into a wide gravel drive. As she braked, the front door opened.

The woman who emerged and hurried toward her was small, trim, smart-looking, though dressed in casual beige cardigan and slacks. Her hair was pale blonde, up swept from a wide forehead. She had retrograde nose, lightly clipped at its bridge and a good firm chin.

And so this was Muriel Halleck, who wrote under the pen name of "Jo Pargrave." Alice had often seen her photographs in magazines.

"Miss Pine? It's so nice of you to come. I hope the drive wasn't tiresome."

"Not at all." Alice's slight hesitation was involuntary. She had been a little startled by Muriel Halleck's eyes.

They were enormous, and peculiar, so light a gray as to seem silvery. But lally glints lurked in great black pupils like pin dots of fire. Alert, aware eyes, and the most arresting that Alice had ever seen.

She added: "I've been looking forward to coming. Your letter made it all sound so interesting."

Muriel Halleck smiled. "I hope you'll find it just that, if we can agree."

She's terribly alive, Alice thought. Bright, an quickly-moving, like her stories.

"Come along," Mrs. Halleck was saying. "I'm dying to explain everything."

Alice got out of the car and at once felt rather awkward. She stood five-seven in her stockings and had a tendency to stride. Whereas the woman at her elbow moved with the easy grace of a cat.

Such of the house's interior as she saw on the way to Mrs. Halleck's study was, indeed, charming. Soft rugs, tasteful furnishings, good pictures.

The study it self was small and exquisite. It faced the Sound, overlooking the lawn Alice had already seen. The walls were a cool gray-green. The north end was soot with bookshelves. There was a copper-faced fireplace at the south end, and the huge picture window seemed to bring lawn and water right into the room.

"Hure," Muriel Halleck pointed to a bleached-pine table upon which stood an open typewriter, "is where the deadly work is done. Do sit down."

Alice sat, in an overstuffed chair. Mrs. Halleck offered cigarettes. "Do you smoke? I hope so. If you're going to be with me, I burn them in chains."

"Please."

Mrs. Halleck took the chair at the table. "Well, Miss Pine. I liked your answer to my advertisement better than any other.

Rebels Lead Attack on Java Capital

Jakarta (Batavia), U. S. I., Monday, Jan. 23 (AP) — Indonesian rebel guerrillas, led by a former Dutch captain, today attacked the West Java capital, Bandung, and seized key points in the mountain city of 170,000 population.

About 600 guerrillas — including deserters from the Dutch army's Indonesian corps — reportedly captured the Indonesian army headquarters, the telephone exchange and other important centers. The federal army of the month-old United States of Indonesia was reported holding out in the northern part of the city.

Dutch and Indonesian troops were in a shelled for "coordinated" action against the first serious armed threat to the young U. S. I. The federal government rushed 250 troops of its mobile police brigade by air from Jakarta, 120 miles northwest, to Bandung, to keep Andir Field open.

Bandung is one of the chief concentration points of Dutch troops in Indonesia, but there was no word yet of the Netherlands forces going into action. The Dutch army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. D. R. A. Van Langen, was to fly to Bandung to take personal charge of Dutch operations.

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Social Calendar

Tuesday, January 24
The Cosmopolitan club will meet at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Routon, Jr. Every member of the club is urged to attend the meeting.

Miss Dorothy Ray,
And Calvin Huguen
Wed in Church Ceremony

Beautiful in its simplicity, was the wedding of Miss Dorothy Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Waller Ray Sr. of this city, and Calvin Huguen at three o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Hope Gospel Tabernacle. Mr. Huguen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Huguen of Malvern.

In the presence of members of the immediate family, the Rev. Dr. Paul Holdridge, pastor of the church, read the impressive double ring ceremony before baskets of white gladiolus and greenery.

The bride chose a gabardine suit of navy blue, with an ice pink crepe blouse, and navy blue accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of pink carnations.

The couple had no attendants. After a wedding trip, they will make their home at 311 South Spruce.

Out of town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Huguen, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Huguen, and Harold Helm of Malvern; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Purdie and son, Ned Ray of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Joe Hamilton and son, William Otis of Emmet.

Joel Green Honored on 7th Birthday

Mrs. Jess K. Green entertained with a birthday party Saturday afternoon at her home on East 14th Street, honoring her grandson, Joel Green, who was celebrating his 7th birthday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Green.

As the little guests arrived they were presented favors of Valentine candy, bubble magic balls, and jacks. They enjoyed many games during the afternoon.

The white birthday cake, decorated with red iced hearts, and "Happy Birthday to Joel," written in red icing, was topped with seven white candles. The Valentine motif of red and white, was carried out in the plates, cups and favors.

Mrs. Green assisted by Miss Barbara Ann Smith served birthday cake and ice cream to the following guests: the honoree, Becky, Johnny and Bill Anthony, Bill Thomas, Stuart Green, David and Buddy Greenberg, Larry Martin, Ronnie Jones, Betty Bryant, Jimmy Allen, Mary Beth Allen and Pattie Sue Edenfield of Little Rock.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Huston and daughter, Gail Ann of Little Rock were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Huston and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Allen had as week-end guest, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edenfield and daughter, Pattie Sue of Little Rock.

Larry Walker spent the week-end with John Kulpa of Little Rock.

Mrs. Ray Allen and Miss Clara Osborn spent Monday in Shreveport.

Hospital Notes

Julia Chester Admitted: Mrs. Bill Light, Rt. 2, Hope; Mrs. J. B. Murphy, Hope; Gerald R. Hamm, Emmet; J. B. Thornton, Rt. 4, Hope; Mrs. T. A. Gathright, Saratoga; Mrs. G. W. Powell, Rt. 3 Hope.

Discharged: Henry Davis, Hope; David Watkins Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Smith Hope, announce the arrival of daughter, Nancy Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Light, Rt. 2, Hope, announce the arrival of daughter, Linda Carol.

Josephine Admitted: L. A. Grant, Hope; Mrs. Elwin Sinyard, Rt. 1, Hope; Mrs. J. Fred Grisham, Hope; Mrs. Elwin Sinyard, Hope; J. R. Kelley, Rt. 2, Hope; Mrs. O. H.

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Wednesday, January 25

The choir of the First Methodist church will have rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be a mid-week meeting at the First Christian church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Choir practice and a special Bible lesson will be held Wednesday evening at the Central Baptist church from 7 to 8:30.

A mid-week Bible study will be held at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

The following mid-week services will be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening: Teachers meeting 7; prayer meeting, 7:45; choir rehearsal 8:30.

Friday, January 27

Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet in the home of Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton, Friday, at 3:30. Mrs. J. B. Hesterly will be co-hostess.

Mrs. Buchanan Hostess to Wednesday Club

Mrs. Vernon Buchanan was hostess to the Wednesday bridge club at her home on the Rosston Road, Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were colorful with arrangements of japonica, juncus and ivy.

There were four tables of players with Mrs. Frank Gilbert, winning the high score prize and Mrs. A. V. Regnier the cut prize.

Prizes for the afternoon included: Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Regnier, Mrs. Hansel Herring, Mrs. J. T. Worthington, Mrs. Powell Morgan, Mrs. Paul Buchanan, Mrs. J. R. Bemis, Mrs. Tom Cruse, Mrs. John Pittman, and Mrs. E. R. Ward. Club members were Mrs. Clarke White, Mrs. Allen Gee, Mrs. SR. W. J. Bludelarshn, Mrs. S. R. Dallis Atkins, Mrs. W. S. Regan and Mrs. Basil Munn. Mrs. Carl Dalrymple, Mrs. Harold Parker and Mrs. Doyle Hooks were tea guests.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

Intermediate G. A.'s Elect Officers

The Ruth Culpepper Intermediate G. A.'s of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday afternoon in the home of their counselor, Mrs. Frank Williams.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alma Lois Farrell. During the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Alma Lois Farrell; vice-president, Kay King; sec-treas., Patsy Griffin; program chairman, Rosana Langley. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Circle 4 of the W. M. U. served delectable refreshments.

Contestants of the Senior High school for the annual Wolf Trail King and queen are Freshman class, Mary Lee Martin-Jack Roney; sophomore class, Pat Eskine-George Haynie; junior class, Mary Jo Anderson-Andrew Moore; senior class, Ida Hamilton-Sam Dundee. The winners will be announced Wednesday.

Presbyterian Men Have Fine Program

The men's club of the Presbyterian church met Wednesday night January 18 with a good attendance. S. O. Logan was chairman of the menu committee, which served a delicious ham dinner.

Other committee members were: A. A. Ingerson, L. M. Cummings, Ed Barger, N. N. Daniel, president, presided at the business meeting. The speaker of the evening was the pastor, the Rev. W.

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Pro Bosses Leave Division Up to Commissioner

Philadelphia, Jan. 23 — (AP) — Unless there is at least a minute change in heart, the 13 National-American football league owners will ask Commissioner Bert Bell to solve another problem today — the division makeup of the pro circuit.

Mrs. Clarke White has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cox in Hope.

Mrs. Ethel Davis of Los Angeles, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Hirst, has returned to Hope where she is visiting.

Harold Parker was a business visitor in Little Rock Thursday.

Mrs. Edward Bryson and Mrs. C. A. Haynes motored to Texarkana Thursday for the day.

Mrs. Don Cayanan, now domiciled in the Imon Gee cottage on East Main St.

Mrs. J. W. Webb of Port Arthur, ex. has been the recent guest of Mrs. Cora Munn.

GOP Split May Break Up Coalition

Washington, Jan. 23 — (AP) — A split in the ranks of house Republicans may render considerably less effective the Republi-cian-Southern Democratic coalition that frequently has ruled the house.

The breach, which broke into the open at a party caucus last Wednesday, became apparent to all Friday when 64 Republicans voted against a proposed change in house rules.

Had the 64 stayed "hitched" as they normally do, the rules would have been changed and the coalition-dominated rules committee would have regained a stranglehold on legislation.

Republican leaders publicly scoff at suggestions that the party's lines in the house are badly split. "We had little trouble" at the caucus, one of them admitted.

Republicans who attended the caucus call that an understatement. They said Rep. Frank Keefe of Wisconsin "read the riot act" and said in a few choice words that he was tired of following the recognized GOP leadership in the house.

All Keefe will say is that he had "a few words to say" and said "them,"

The departure of 64 Republicans from party ranks last Friday was the largest defection in years. Normally the GOP lines in the house hold fairly fast, although there always have been a few of the 169 members who "bolt."

Many Republicans feel that their leadership in the house has been "taken in" by the Southern Democrats, and has gained nothing from the coalition.

"We have never gained anything from this coalition," one of the dissatisfied Republicans said. "It is to the advantage of the Southern Democrats to have us on their side because they want to stop civil rights legislation and they need help."

"But," he complained, "when there's something we want, they don't go along with us. We can't count on them when federal spending is involved because a lot of it is spent in the south."

This does not mean that the coalition has been broken up, but it obviously has lost some of its potency and the Truman administration forces don't fear it as much as in the past.

It may mean that the Republican leadership in the house may have to "bend" a little to accede to some of the views of such a large segment of its following as the 64 who broke ranks last Friday.

The breach could add to the troubles of the 21-member house GOP committee trying to agree on a statement of principles for the 1958 campaign.

Mercy Slaying Autopsy to Stay Secret Until Trial

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 23 — (AP) — The results of a surprise autopsy of the victim of New Hampshire's so-called mercy slaying will remain a guarded secret until Dr. Hermann N. Sander goes on trial.

The 40-year-old country doctor is charged with first degree murder in the death of Mr. Ebbe C. Borroto, 59, wife of a Manchester oil salesman.

The state claims Dr. Sander took

Austrians Long for a Peace Treaty Which Would Mean End of Russian Occupation Troops

By ALVIN STEINKOPF
(For Dewitt MacKenzie)
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

London — an old friend who used to be my neighbor in prewar Vienna writes from the Austrian capital.

"We are beginning to have a feeling of pride in those Austrian peace negotiations. More than three years they have been going on now, and I run the show of 'Oklahoma' in London.

"Such a little country, but how troublesome we must be that the great powers take so long to decide about us!"

The Big Four has been trying since January 1947 to write a treaty of independence for Austria. In 248 meetings deputy foreign ministers have settled just about everything except a little dispute about how much Austria should pay for supplies received from Russia since 1945.

The amount involved is less than a million dollars. Last December

in New York the deputies decided to let Russia and Austria come to terms between themselves.

Since Russia has turned down the Austrian offers and the matter is still up in the air, the deputies will be obliged to remove their troops within 90 days. If they did that, there wouldn't be any justification, legal or otherwise, for keeping Russian forces in the two satellite lands. There would be no "communications lines" to protect.

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The Austrians, longing for a peace treaty, are resigning themselves to waiting for the settlement of the Tito-Kremlin quarrel — one way or another.

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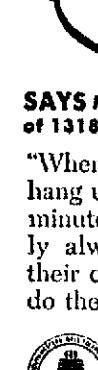
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